individuals who submitted their tenders for the supply of school requisites for Depressed Classes in compliance with the Protector's notification, dated 30th April 1941 appeared in Cochin Government Gazette (Labour Department), dated 21st Medam 1116.—

(*a*) Serial No.

(*b*) Name of firm or individual

(*c*) Tender reduction offered ;

With whom was the supply of school requisites entrusted as per the notification referred to above ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

S. No.	*Name of firm*	*Tender reduction*
1	Messrs. V. Sundara Ayyar and Sons, Trichur	17½ per cent less
2	Emmatty Bros., Trichur	1 per cent less for Text-books and 2½ per cent less for stationery

The tender of Messrs. V. Sundara Ayyar and Sons, Trichur, was accepted being the lower.

MUNDATHIKODE PANCHAYAT—ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

79. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when did the last election to the Mundathikode Panchayat, Talappalli Taluk take place;

(*b*) the names of persons who were elected as Panchayatdars and the village each one represents ;

(*c*) who were nominated to this Panchayat and from which all villages ;

(*d*) whether any Ezhuva has been ever nominated to this Panchayat previously ; if so in which year?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The elections for the Peringandur, Mundathikode, Parlikad and Mnalur villages under the Panchayat were over by 4th Kumbham 1116 while the election for Puduruthi village was over by 25th Kumbham 1116.

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		Member	*Village*
(*b*)	1.	Mr. M. S. Narayana Ayyar	Mundathikode
	2.	Mr. P. V. Harihara Ayyar	Peringandur
	3.	Mr. Parakulangare Athiath Paru Amma, Narayana Panicker	Mnalur
	4.	Mr. Puliath Padinjare veetil Paru Amma, Balakrishna Menon	Parlikad
	5.	Thevarkil Madham Vaidyanatha Ayyar, Ananthanarayana Ayyar	Puduruthi
(*c*)	1.	Mr. Koniparambil Raman Krishnan	Peringandur village
	2.	Mr. Kannanaikkal Lonappan Poranchu	Mundathikode village

(*d*) Yes, even in the last constitution, *i.e.*, in 1113, in 1107 and in 1104.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the work of the Panchayats suffer if no Ezhuva exists on the Panchayats?

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Certainly.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I don't want your answer; you have not yet become the Government. I want an answer from the Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* If the Hon'ble Member of a particular community does not sit on the Panchayat, work of that Panchayat will not suffer. But it involves a principle that, as far as possible, the unrepresented should be represented.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Can a Panchayat exist without members?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* A Panchayat can be managed by any section of any community, irrespective of whether there are Ezhuvas, Nayars or Brahmins.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Are not these members representatives of the people of the locality?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* What is the best way of representing the people of the locality unless by communal representation?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is the reason why the Government have followed this principle.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will not the deserving men get elected?

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Not always.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Most undeserving men generally get elected.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is the case everywhere, all over the universe. Even Mr. Churchill was defeated twice by unknown opponents.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is not Mr. Koniparambil Raman Krishnan an Ezhuva?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it the policy of the Government to see that minorities are represented?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. I am trying my level best to do that. But with the limited number of nominations, I do not say I have satisfied all the claims.

CHALAKKUDI PANCHAYAT—ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

80. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when did the last election to the Chalakkudi Panchayat take place;
who were the elected members;

(*b*) who were nominated subsequently;

(*c*) whether there was a requisition from the members of the Ezhuva community that one from among them may be nominated to the Panchayat;

(*d*) whether any Ezhuva has ever been a member of the Chalakkudi Panchayat since the Panchayat was constituted;

(*e*) the approximate population of the Ezhuva community within the villages of that Panchayat area?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) In Makaram 1115.
The elected members are.—

Messrs. 1. Ullattikulam Antony Ouseph.
2. Ullattikulam Cheria Antonykutti.
3. Thaikapilli Peter John.

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